

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 4, 6 through 10, 16, 18, 20 through 23, 25 through 29, 35, 37, 58 through 61, 63 through 67, 73, 75, and 77 through 83 are pending, with Claims 1, 20, 58, and 77 being independent. Claims 1, 7, 20, 26, 58, 64, and 77 have been amended.

Claims 6 through 10, 25 through 29, 44 through 48, 63 through 67, and 80 through 83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,005,613 (Endsley, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,184,169 (Nishitani). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 20, 58, and 77 variously recite, inter alia, a selection unit (Claims 1 and 77) or selection step (Claim 20) or selection routine (Claim 58) which displays the plurality of photographing conditions stored in the storage unit (Claims 1 and 77) or storage step (Claim 20) or storage routine (Claim 58) and selects a desired photographing condition from among the plurality of displayed photographing conditions (wherein the control unit (Claims 1 and 77) or control step (Claim 20) or control routine (Claim 58) effects control so as to transmit to the image pickup apparatus a plurality of kinds of control data corresponding to the photographing condition selected).

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Endsley, et al. nor Nishitani, even in combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 20, 58, and 77. The Official Action acknowledges that Endsley, et al. fails to show such features and therefore relies upon Nishitani. However, Applicant respectfully notes that Nishitani discloses, e.g., a card corresponding to one of a plurality of predetermined special photography modes (e.g., col. 3, lines 1-16), and Applicant respectfully submits that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Nishitani provides either a description or a suggestion of the above-discussed claimed features. It is further

respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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